

# **Police Officer of the Month**

## **September 2010**

### **Ofc. Christopher Stafford**

Chief William McMahon has selected Ofc. Christopher Stafford as Police Officer of the Month for September 2010. During September, Stafford made 15 arrests, 98 traffic contacts, 69 business checks and wrote 15 insight reports, along with 64 other reports.

During September, Stafford put his interest and knowledge of technology to use in the department, volunteering to assist computer operations with a software upgrade and utilizing a special patrol car equipped with LoJack equipment. His use of the LoJack technology led to the recovery of two stolen vehicles. He also proactively reached out to an automobile auction house that has frequent calls for service for stolen vehicles to make suggestions for the business to improve its tow logs and security. His initiative helped to reduce calls for service at the business for erroneous vehicle theft reports caused by the business' recordkeeping issues.

"Ofc. Stafford came to Howard County as a lateral officer with seven years of past experiences and has had two years of experience with Howard County Police Department," Sgt. Jayson Janowich, his supervisor, wrote in his nomination. "He utilized those experiences and combined them with his strong passion for technology to apply it to his police work during September."

Congratulations to Stafford on his selection as Police Officer of the Month for September 2010.